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April 11, 2023

The Honorable Shailen Bhatt, Administrator
U.S. Department of Transportation (Federal Highway Administration)
1200 New Jersey Ave SE
Washington, DC 20590-0001

Dear Administrator Bhatt,

I write in strong support for the City of Alexandria, Virginia's 2023 U.S. Department of Transportation's Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Discretionary Grant Program application. The proposed application will bring critical charging infrastructure that is needed in the region to support the growing adoption of electric vehicles.

The City is a leader in advancing transportation electrification in the region. The City has developed an Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Readiness Strategy (EVRS) to act as a roadmap to meet the electric vehicle charging infrastructure and technical needs of City residents, workforce members, and visitors as electric vehicle adoption increases. The EVRS includes 31 recommendations that will build an effective, innovative, and sustainable electric vehicle ecosystem. The EVRS includes recommendations around meeting the charging demand of the community, workforce development, and equity, which will be accelerated by the CFI Program.

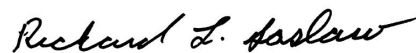
The proposed Community project will support the implementation of the EVRS recommendations through the installation of publicly accessible Level 2 and DC Fast Chargers at multiple sites across the City, such as public parks, libraries, and on-street locations. The chargers will be in areas that will benefit disadvantaged communities and serve areas with a high concentration of multi-unit dwellings and limited off-street parking. The City of Alexandria residents are adopting electric vehicles at a rate faster than the national average, and this project will help meet the need of the community.

I am committed to continuing our support for the City of Alexandria to bring this project to completion to deploy charging infrastructure and support the electrification of our transportation

systems, which will improve air quality; mitigate the impacts of climate change; and benefit the region's communities, residents, and stakeholders.

I applaud Alexandria on its efforts to further improve its community for its residents and the public at large while helping reduce emissions in the transportation sector. I ask for your full and fair consideration of the City of Alexandria's grant application. Should you have questions, please contact me at district35@senate.virginia.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Richard L. Saslaw".

Senator Richard L. Saslaw
Virginia Senate Majority Leader, 35th District

The Honorable Shailen Bhatt, Administrator
U.S. Department of Transportation
(Federal Highway Administration)
1200 New Jersey Ave SE
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April 17, 2023

Dear Administrator Bhatt,

As Chair of Alexandria's Environmental Policy Commission whose 13 Council-appointed members advise our City Council on environmental issues, I am writing in strong support for the City of Alexandria, Virginia's 2023 U.S. Department of Transportation's Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Discretionary Grant Program application. The proposed application will bring critical charging infrastructure needed to support the growing adoption of electric vehicles in the region and further the Administration's Justice40 Initiative.

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The EPC is committed to continuing our support for the City of Alexandria to bring this project to completion to deploy charging infrastructure and support the electrification of our transportation systems, which will improve air quality and combat climate change, benefiting the region's communities, residents, and stakeholders.

Thank you for your full and fair consideration of the **City of Alexandria's** grant application. Should you have questions, please contact Kathie Hoekstra at kathlynhhoekstra@icloud.com.

Sincerely,

Kathie Hoekstra

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Chair of Alexandria's Environmental Policy Commission